

Supply of Sugarcane to Malaprabha Co-operative Sugar Factory

36. SRI N. B. SIRDESAI (Khanapur).—Will the Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:—

(a) the total quantity of sugarcane available for crushing during 1976-77 crushing season for the Malaprabha Co-operative Sugar Factory Ltd., M.K. Hubli and the total acreage under sugarcane cultivation in Khanapur Taluk particularly;

(b) the proposed date of commencement and closure of the current crushing season;

(c) the total quantity of sugarcane required for the factory during this season and whether the factory is going to transport and crush the earmarked quantity of sugarcane in the factory area;

(d) whether M.K. Hubli sugar factory has arranged datewise harvesting and transporting programme for the sugarcane to be purchased; if so, whether directions would be issued to stick up to the programme;

(e) whether the sugar factory would purchase sugarcane from all the members and non-member growers without causing any loss to the growers?

SRI S.M. KRISHNA. (Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs).—

(a) (i) The estimated quantity of sugarcane available for crushing during 1976-77 crushing season by the Mal-prabha Co-operative Sugar Factory Ltd., M.K. Hubli is 2,61,920 M.T.

(ii) The total acreage under sugarcane cultivation in Khanapur Taluk is 6,729-28 acres.

(b) The Factory started sugarcane crushing operations for 1976-77 season from 6th November 1976 and it can continue crushing upto the end of April 1977 subject to the availability of cane.

(c) The total quantity of sugarcane which the factory can crush during this season is 3.00 lakhs M.T. The factory has already arranged to transport and crush the earmarked quantity of sugarcane in the factory area.

(d) According to information furnished by the factory the sugarcane harvesting and transportation programme for the crushing season 1976-77 has already been prepared on the basis of date of planting and the factory has assured that transportation of cane to the factory for crushing will be done strictly on the basis of maturity *cum* date of planting basis having regard to the road conditions. The factory would be asked to follow the programme.

(e) The factory informed that they have already arranged to purchase sugarcane from all the members and non-member growers in the area allotted to them.

SRI N.B. SIRDESAI.—May I know whether Government is aware of the fact that the acreage shown in the answer (a) (ii) is less than what it is actually and that sufficient acreage under sugarcane is available for the establishment of a separate independent sugar factory? I want a correct answer about the acreage.

† SRI S M. KRISHNA.—The hon. ble member had asked about the total quantity of sugarcane available for crushing and the total acreage under sugarcane cultivation in Khanapur Taluk particularly, and I have furnished the information.

I get my facts from the various officers who work for the Government. So if the non'ble member feels that it is incorrect, well I might have to respectfully submit that I stand by the answers furnished.

SRI N.B. SIRDESAI.—Is it not a fact that the Government are relying on bogus information supplied by the factory and thereby they are ignoring the genuine complaints of the growers and putting them to heavy loss and inconvenience as they are compelled to sell the sugarcane to the neighbouring factory?

SRI S.M. KRISHNA.—We do not have any vested interest in supplying bogus figures—at any rate not me—and we also do not intend exposing the sugarcane growers to any hardship whatsoever.

SRI N.B. SIRDESAI.—Whether the Government is aware of the fact that in Khanapur taluk and in other areas the sugar factory is not purchasing sugarcane from them and they are being forced to sell it to other factories?

SRI S M. KRISHNA.—If I understand the position correctly, the methodology that the Government has employed in taking care about the sugarcane growers in the State, certain area is allocated to every sugar factory in our State and every sugar factory will have to buy sugarcane within the prescribed area of its operation, and within the area of operation if there are individual complaints that the sugarcane has not been either taken delivery of crushed, the Government is there to look into it.

SRI P.A. PAWASHE.—Whether it is a fact that this factory is not in a position to crush the sugarcane of its area and that the agriculturists are put to lot of inconvenience?

SRI S.M. KRISHNA.—The capacity of this sugar factory is to crush about 3 lakhs M.T. of sugarcane in the area which has been allocated to it and within that area about 2.61 lakhs M.T. of sugarcane is available, and if more sugarcane is available the sugar factory is in a position to take up another 30,000 M.T. of sugarcane for crushing.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬೆಳೆದಂಥ ಕಬ್ಬನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಾ ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಟರಿಯವರಿಗೆ ಕೊಡುವಂಥ ಧೋರಣೆ ಏನಿದೆ, ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಬದಲು ಸ್ವಲ್ಪವುಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಅವರೇ ಉಳಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವಂತೆ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಏನಾದರೂ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ಹೇಗೆ? ಬಂದಿದ್ದರೆ ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಧೋರಣೆ ಏನು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಂ. ಕೃಷ್ಣ.—ನಮ್ಮ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಲ್ಲವನ್ನೂ ಕೂಡ ಸಾಧಾರಣವಾಗಿ ಹಳ್ಳಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಬಳಸುತ್ತಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಅಲ್ಲೆಲ್ಲಾ ಶುಗರ್ ಕೇನ್ ಕ್ರಷರ್ಸ್‌ಗೆ ಕೂಡ ಲೈಸೆನ್ಸ್‌ನ್ನು ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಆದರೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದಷ್ಟು ಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಯಾವ ವಿರಿಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಶುಗರ್ ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಟರಿಗಳನ್ನು ರನ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೋ ಅಂಥಾ ವಿರಿಯಾಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ಶುಗರ್ ಕೇನ್ ಕ್ರಷರ್ಸ್‌ಗೆ ಲೈಸೆನ್ಸ್ ಕೊಡಬಾರದು ಎನ್ನುತ್ತಾಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ನೀತಿ.

SRI N.B. SIRDESAI.—On the basis of the existing facts that there is ample sugarcane area in the declared factory area and the incapacity of the sugar factory to crush all the sugarcane, will the Government be pleased to consider the proposal for a separate sugar factory in Khanapur, Belgaum or other taluks?

SRI S.M. KRISHNA.—It has been the policy of the Government that wherever there is adequate sugarcane available for setting up of a new sugar factory Government does consider it. Some to years ago the State Government appointed a Special Committee which went into this question and they have furnished a report to the Government suggesting the setting up of 10 more sugar factories in our State, and Government is actively considering these suggestions, and I think the necessary applications to the Government of India will be made. I can assure the hon'ble member that if there is more sugarcane in this particular area and if it justifies the setting up of one more sugar factory, I will be too much happy to do it.

Tubectomy and Vasectomy operations

63. **SRI M. B. RAMASWAMY (Ankal).**—Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:—

(a) the total amount spent during the year 1975 on Family Planning in the State;

(b) the total number of vasectomy and tubectomy operations performed during the year 1975 in Bangalore District, of them, the number of cases resulted in death or complications;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that most of these operations have not proved successful;